

Schreiber & Sons CSA

It's a Culinary Adventure

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Week XVII

In this week's box, from your farmer you can expect:

- Radishes
- Cucumbers
- Squash medley
- Tomatoes
- Carrots
- Eggplant
- Potatoes
- Basil
- Bell pepper
- Canary Melon
- Red Moon Melon
- Onion
- Farmers Choice

Meat. We have a new supply of meat. As usual, we have lots and lots of hamburger, as well as some steaks and roasts. Feel free to order meat. We have lots of flour and the eggs are still being rationed.

Surplus produce. We have extra cantaloupes (\$2), watermelons (\$4), and exotic smaller odd cantaloupe style melons (\$1 or \$2), including Red Moon Melon (\$2) We have extra squash (\$1/lb), cucumbers (\$1/lb), leaf lettuce (\$4/lb), carrots (\$2/bunch), Italian eggplant(\$2), Japanese eggplant (2 for \$1)and 16 different kind of heirloom or exotic eggplants (between 50 cents and \$2 depending on variety and size) and lots of tomatoes. (\$1 per pound, \$2 and \$3 a pound for the intermediate and smaller sized tomatoes, respectively.)

Hops and Wine Grapes. We have a half acre of hops that we use for research. We leave the hops on the vines until they dry up and blow away. If anyone is interesting in using the hops, they are all yours. You have to pick them, and you have to give me 5% of whatever you use them for. The hops are about ready to be picked and they will

probably be good for the next two or three weeks. We have some Chardonnay, Concord, Reisling and Merlot wine grapes. We use these for experiments, but most of them are not in research plots. Members are welcomed to these grapes-we plant to put some Concords in the boxes, but there is always some extra. The warning on the winegrapes is that we have managed them for research purposes rather than for enological purposes. The recompense is still the same-they are free, but you have to pick them and give me 5% of whatever you make with them.

What's going on at the farm. We are desiccatting potatoes this week-that is a real sign that that the season is beginning to wind down. We got the potato digger out today and started to dig the CSA potatoes. It seems odd that while we are digging potatoes, we are still planting, but that we are. We are making our our last rounds of planting. Things like lettuce, spinach, carrots, beets, radishs and so on. We are harvesting like crazy, watermelons are making a big push right now-but we cannot schedule them for your boxes until next week. Apple harvest starts this week, so we hope to have apples next week as well. Hopefully you will not get tired of melons because there are a lot coming your way.

Winter CSA. Stay tuned for an annoucement for a Schreiber & Sons CSA. We are planning to have a trial run at a winter CSA that will provide fresh produce through the winter-yes, through the winter. Stay tuned for the details. This is going to be a limited oppurtunity-meaning we can handle only a fraction of current members.

Your Farmer

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